

Amendment and Response

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8, and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing print services provided by a print provider, the method comprising:

defining a print managing system controller having the print services provided by the print provider registered therewith;

defining a network communication link between the print provider and the print managing system controller;

collecting print services data related to the print services with the print managing system controller from the print provider via the network communication link, the print services data ~~including~~ comprising cost data of the print services, ~~and~~ production data of the print services including a consumables requirement of the print services and productivity of the print services, and profile data of the print services including attributes of print jobs completed with the print services;

analyzing the print services data, including generating statistics of the print/services with the print managing system controller using the print services data; and

reporting the statistics of the print services to the print provider via the network communication link.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein defining the network communication link includes defining an Internet communication link between the print provider and the print managing system controller.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein reporting the statistics of the print services further includes reporting the statistics to ~~at least one of the print provider and a~~ system administrator via the network communication link.

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5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a job ticket and a data file for a print job at the print managing system controller;
collecting print job data related to the job ticket and the data file with the print managing system controller;
analyzing the print job data, including generating statistics of the print job with the print managing system controller using the print job data; and
reporting the statistics of the print job via the network communication link.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein collecting the print job data includes collecting at least one of cost data of the print job, production data of the print job, and profile data of the print job.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein reporting the statistics of the print job includes reporting the statistics to at least one of the print provider and a system administrator via the network communication link.
8. (Currently Amended) A system for managing print services provided by a print provider, the system comprising:
a print managing system controller configured to have the print services provided by the print provider registered therewith,
wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to collect print services data related to the print services from the print provider, analyze the print services data to generate statistics of the print services using the print services data, and report the statistics of the print services to the print provider,
wherein the print services data ~~includes~~ comprises cost data of the print services, and production data of the print services including a consumables requirement of the print services and productivity of the print services, and profile data of the print services including attributes of print jobs completed with the print services.

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9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is configured to communicate with the print provider via a network communication link.
10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the network communication link is an Internet communication link.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the cost data of the print services includes at least one of operating cost, revenue, and profitability of the print services.
13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the production data of the print services further includes productivity of the print services.
14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to report the statistics of the print services to ~~at least one of the print provider and a system administrator.~~
15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to receive a job ticket and a data file for a print job from a customer, collect print job data related to the job ticket and the data file, analyze the print job data to generate statistics of the print job using the print job data, and report the statistics of the print job.
16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the print job data includes at least one of cost data of the print job, production data of the print job, and profile data of the print job.

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17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the cost data of the print job includes at least one of cost and profitability of the print job.
18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the production data of the print job includes at least one of consumption and productivity of the print job.
19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the profile data of the print job includes at least one of customer identification and print job attributes of the print job.
20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to report the statistics of the print job to at least one of the print provider and a system administrator.
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Cancelled)